

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1102

Introduced by Assembly Member Nakanishi

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 2544 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to prescription lenses.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1102, as introduced, Nakanishi. Prescription lenses: fitting of lenses.

Existing law specifies that only physicians and surgeons or optometrists may measure the powers or range of human vision or determine the accommodative and refractive status of the human eye or the scope of its general functions or prescribe ophthalmic devices. However, existing law authorizes an assistant, acting under the direct responsibility and supervision of the physician and surgeon or optometrist, as specified, to fit prescription lenses as well as perform various other tasks.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2544 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 2544. An assistant in the office of a physician and surgeon or
- 4 optometrist acting under the direct responsibility and supervision

- 1 of the physician and surgeon or optometrist may fit prescription
2 lenses. Under the direct responsibility and supervision of the
3 ophthalmologist or optometrist, an assistant in the office of an
4 ophthalmologist or optometrist may also do *any of* the following:
- 5 (a) Prepare patients for examination.
 - 6 (b) Collect preliminary patient data, including taking a patient
7 history.
 - 8 (c) Perform simple noninvasive testing of visual acuity, pupils,
9 and ocular motility.
 - 10 (d) Perform automated visual field testing.
 - 11 (e) Perform ophthalmic photography and digital imaging.
 - 12 (f) Perform tonometry.
 - 13 (g) Perform lensometry.
 - 14 (h) Perform nonsubjective auto refraction in connection with
15 subjective refraction procedures performed by an ophthalmologist
16 or optometrist.
 - 17 (i) Administer cycloplegics, mydriatics, and topical anesthetics
18 that are not controlled substances, for ophthalmic purposes.
 - 19 (j) Perform pachymetry, keratometry, A scans, B scans, and
20 electrodiagnostic testing.